

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller *[Signature]* 7 December 1965

1. As a result of a slight hassle between Bud Wheelon and Ray Cline at the Morning Meeting this morning about [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] I asked [redacted] in his capacity as Overhead Reconnaissance Officer to take over this problem and straighten it out. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] has assured me as well as the Director that it is now on the track.

2. [redacted] briefed me on the status of our relations with the Department of State in compliance with the President's letter of 2 August 1965 to Secretary Rusk and Secretary Rusk's letter of 30 August 1965 to the Director. [redacted] assured me that everyone has been extremely cooperative in this matter. The Department has accepted an arrangement giving DD/P the widest possible latitude on how they will coordinate their covert research projects with the Department. DD/I has no problem. However, DD/S&T is also interested in this field and is torn between throwing in its lot with DD/I, with DD/P on sensitivity grounds, or perhaps having an independent channel of its own. [redacted] and I agreed that we would look somewhat ridiculous if we had three channels and that it would probably be better to have only one. Since the Clandestine Services will want to coordinate its own projects, we discussed the possibility of making DD/P the focal point for the entire Agency. [redacted] has checked this suggestion with Ray Cline, who had no objection. When the coordinated proposal reaches me, I will want to discuss it with Dick Helms before making a final decision.

3. Bob Bannerman reported he is optimistic that we will be able to purchase [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] He will come forward with a specific proposal in the near future. 25X1

4. I attended a meeting with Dick Helms, Ray Cline, Tom Karamessines, Bob Bannerman, [redacted] and [redacted] at which it was agreed that Ray Cline will chair an expanded USIB sub-committee on which the White House will have a representative to discuss xerography and how to control material going over this new LDX system. 25X1

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5. Emmett Echols telephoned to report that [REDACTED] in whom Dick Helms has an interest, was turned down by the Office of Security and that the Office of Security would prefer to brief me on the case. [REDACTED] did this on 9 December, and I advised Dick Helms of the reasons why [REDACTED] was rejected for employment with the Agency.)

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6. I met with Dick Helms and Bud Wheelon for another go-around on research and development. Dick was striving for a formula which would not turn over Agency R&D to DD/S&T and suggested that Bud consider wearing two hats, one as DD/S&T and the other as a Special Assistant to the Director for R&D. It was obvious that this did not appeal very much to Bud. There was also some talk about what Agency components or parts of components might be merged into a bona fide research and development shop. With my full support Dick said that he has no intention of doing away with DD/S&T. In fact, he was emphatic that we want a Directorate for science and technology. He asked Bud to sleep on these suggestions for a day or two and to come back and talk with him later in the week, at which time he might identify those parts of Agency components which might better be merged into an Agency R&D shop. He was emphatic, however, that he thought such a merger could not take place in Calendar Year 1966 and that we would have to approach any such solution in at least two phases.

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